

## **Michael J. Soules**

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### **Academic Employment**

*Assistant Professor* (August 2023 – Present)

Department of Political Science, University of Houston

*Donald R. Beall Defense Fellow* (2022 – July 2023)

Department of Defense Analysis, Naval Postgraduate School

### **Education**

Ph.D. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, May 2022

*Dissertation*: “Persuasion, Coercion, and Force: How Rebel Groups Recruit”

*Committee*: James A. Piazza (Chair), Douglas Lemke, Bumba Mukherjee, James P. Dillard

*Major Field*: International Relations

*Minor Fields*: Comparative Politics, Methodology

M.A. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2018

B.A. Political Science and History, *Summa cum Laude*, Texas A&M University, 2016

### **Substantive Interests**

Terrorism, counterterrorism, insurgency, civil war, women’s participation in political violence, recruitment for political violence, database construction

### **Research**

#### **Peer Reviewed Publications**

9) Soules, Michael J. 2023. “Recruiting Rebels: Introducing the Rebel Appeals and Incentives Dataset.”

*Journal of Conflict Resolution*, DOI: 00220027231154813.

8) Karstens, Mikaela, **Michael J. Soules**, and Nicholas Dietrich. “A Crack in the Foundation: Event Data, Newspaper Databases, and Threats to Validity and Replicability.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

7) Soules, Michael J. 2023. “Thinking Outside of the Box: Transnational Terrorism in Civil Wars.”

*International Studies Quarterly* 67(2).

6) Soules, Michael J. 2022. “The Tradeoffs of Using Female Suicide Bombers.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 39 (1): 3-23.

- 5) Soules, Michael J. 2022 “Martyr or Mystery? Female Suicide Bombers and Information Availability.” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 45 (1): 62-91.
- 4) Palmer, Glenn, Roseanne McManus, Vito D’Orazio, Michael R. Kenwick, Mikaela Karstens, Chase Bloch, Nicholas Dietrich, Kayla Khan, Kellan Ritter, and **Michael J. Soules**. 2022. “The MID 5 Dataset, 2011-2014: Procedures, Coding Rules, and Description.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 39 (4): 470-482.
- 3) Avdan, Nazli, James A. Piazza, and **Michael J. Soules**. 2021. “Silver Lining? The Effects of Epidemics on Terrorist Groups.” Accepted and Forthcoming. *Terrorism and Political Violence*.
- 2) Piazza, James A. and **Michael J. Soules**. 2021. “Terror After the Caliphate: The Effect of ISIS Loss of Control over Population Centers on Patterns of Global Terrorism.” *Security Studies* 30 (1): 107-135.
- 1) Soules, Michael J. 2020. “Women in Uniform: The Opening of Combat Roles to Women in State Militaries.” *International Interactions* 46 (6): 847-871.

### **Working Papers**

“Is There a Rebel Resource Curse?” *Under Review*.

**Michal J. Soules** and Kathryn Howarth. “Forced Recruitment and Terrorism in Civil Wars.” *Under Review*.

**Michael J. Soules** and Christopher Willis. “Rebel Recruitment and Repertoires of Violence” *Under Review*.

“Convincing them to Fight: How Rebel Groups Choose Their Recruitment Tactics.”

**Michael J. Soules**, Nazli Avdan, and James A. Piazza. “Magical and Spiritual Practices in Rebel Groups.”

### **Works in Progress**

“Rebel Recruitment and Governance: How Mobilization Strategies Shape Rebels’ Provision of Social Services.”

“Women’s Status and the Gender Gap in Support for Political Violence.”

“Variation in Terrorist Tactics and Civil War Outcomes.”

## **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

### **The Pennsylvania State University:**

Robert S. Friedman Award for Excellence in Teaching, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021  
Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020  
Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Dissertation Support, \$2,000 – Fall 2020  
Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Dissertation Support, \$1,000 – Fall 2019  
Program for Empirical International Relations (PEIR) Fellowship, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020  
Robert W. Graham Endowed Graduate Fellowship, Summer 2017 and Summer 2018  
Florence and Angelo Paterno Graduate Fellowship in the Liberal Arts, Fall 2017– Spring 2018

## **Professional Experience**

### **Research**

Research Assistant for James A. Piazza, Summer 2020 and Fall 2021  
Research Assistant for Glenn Palmer and Roseanne McManus for the Militarized Interstate Dispute (MID) 5.0 Dataset, Summer 2018 – Summer 2019

### **Teaching**

#### ***Instructor of Record***

PLSC 6313 - Field Seminar in International Relations (Graduate Class) (University of Houston), Fall 2023  
PLSC 3313 - Introduction to International Relations (University of Houston), Fall 2023  
PLSC 418W- International Relations Theory (Penn State World Campus), Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023  
GLIS 400 - Seminar in Global and International Studies (Civil Wars) (Penn State), Fall 2020  
PLSC 439 - The Politics of Terrorism (Penn State), Summer 2019

#### ***Teaching Assistant***

PLSC 14 - Introduction to International Relations, Douglas Lemke, Spring 2017  
PLSC 14 - Introduction to International Relations, Errol A. Henderson, Fall 2016

### **Guest Lecturing**

“The Strategic and Sociopolitical Determinants of Female Suicide Terrorism” for James Piazza’s PLSC 439-Terrorism Class, Fall 2018, the Pennsylvania State University  
“Women’s Status and the Prevalence of Female Suicide Bombers” for James Piazza’s PLSC 439-Terrorism Class, Spring 2018, the Pennsylvania State University  
“The Battlefield and Propaganda Advantages of Female Suicide Bombers” for James Piazza’s PLSC 439-Terrorism Class, Spring 2018, the Pennsylvania State University  
“Expect the Unexpected: The Strategic Use of Female Suicide Bombers (And Why Variable Measurement Matters)” for Anne Whitesell’s PLSC 308-Research Design Class, October 2017, the Pennsylvania State University  
“Introduction to Terrorism” for Douglas Lemke’s PLSC 014-Introduction to International Relations Class, Spring 2017

### **Conference Participation**

- “Rebel Recruitment Tactics and Sexual Violence.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, September 2022).
- “Thinking Outside of the Box: Transnational Terrorism in Civil Wars.” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. (April 2022).
- “Fighting to the Bitter End: Rebel Recruitment Tactics and Civil War Outcomes.” Presented at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (November 2021).
- “Thinking Outside of the Box: Transnational Terrorism in Civil Wars.” Presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Convention. (November 2021).
- “Natural Resource Endowments and Rebel Group Recruitment Strategies.” Poster Presented at the American Political Science Association (October 2021).
- “Gender and Conflict” workshop participant at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (November 2020).
- “Persuasion, Coercion, and Force: Introducing the Rebel Appeals and Incentives Dataset (RAID)” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2020).
- “The Surviving Victim Problem: Causes and Consequences of Non-Lethal Violence” workshop participant at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (Manhattan, November 2019).
- “Women in Uniform: The Opening of Military Combat Roles to Women” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C., August 2019).
- “The Strategic Use of Female Suicide Bombers” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. (Toronto, March 2019).
- “The Scientific Study of Gender and Conflict” workshop participant at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (Austin, November 2018).
- “Breaking Through: Female Suicide Bombers and Media Freedom” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Boston, September 2018)

### **Invited Talks**

- “Mobilizing for Equality: Why Armed Groups Do (Not) Promote Gender Egalitarianism” Presented at the Monash Gender, Peace and Security (GPS) Centre. (Melbourne, AU, May 2019).

### **Departmental Service at Penn State**

- Graduate Student Representative on the Graduate Recruitment Committee (Fall 2018-Spring 2019)
- Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) Secretary (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)
- Graduate Student Representative on the Department Social Committee (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)

### **General Service to the Discipline**

- Reviewer for *African Security*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Global Studies Quarterly*; *International Interactions*; *International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Security Studies*

**Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Peace Science Society; Phi Beta Kappa

**Miscellaneous**

Programming Languages: R, Stata

**References**

Available Upon Request